

# ***2024 ANNUAL REPORT***



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## ***A LETTER FROM COLONEL TIM FAGAN***

Looking back on the past year, I am excited to share promising news about the progress we have achieved together. Florissant has experienced an overall 9% reduction in crime, a significant accomplishment that highlights the hard work, dedication, and professionalism of the men and women of the Florissant Police Department. This achievement also reflects the strong partnership we share with our community.

While this reduction is encouraging, we must acknowledge that some categories of crime saw increases. Addressing these areas remains a top priority, and we are committed to utilizing data-driven strategies and proactive measures to enhance safety and security for everyone who lives and works in Florissant.



On behalf of the men and women of the Florissant Police Department, I want to express our heartfelt gratitude for your unwavering support and partnership. Your trust, collaboration, and active involvement are vital to keeping our neighborhoods safe and thriving.

As we look ahead, we remain steadfast in our commitment to the principles of integrity, fairness, professionalism, and collaboration. These values will continue to guide us as we work together to ensure Florissant remains a safe, vibrant, and welcoming place for all.

Thank you for your continued partnership and support. It is truly an honor to serve this community.

Sincerely,

Tim Fagan  
Chief of Police

## ***MISSION STATEMENT***

***“The mission of the Florissant Police Department is to provide the highest quality police services to the people of the City of Florissant, by promoting a safe environment through police and citizen interaction, with an emphasis on integrity, fairness, and professionalism.”***

### ***Citizen Interaction***

We recognize our community-policing role as a partnership with the citizens of Florissant. We need and encourage the participation of every citizen in solving problems and improving the quality of life for our community.

### ***Integrity***

In order to achieve public trust and build upon our community partnership, we demand the highest level of integrity in ourselves. Integrity is defined as being honest, moral, upright, and sincere.

### ***Fairness***

We are committed to upholding the law in an ethical, impartial, courteous, and professional manner. We serve every member of our community equally, regardless of race, sex, creed, national origin, or social status.

### ***Professionalism***

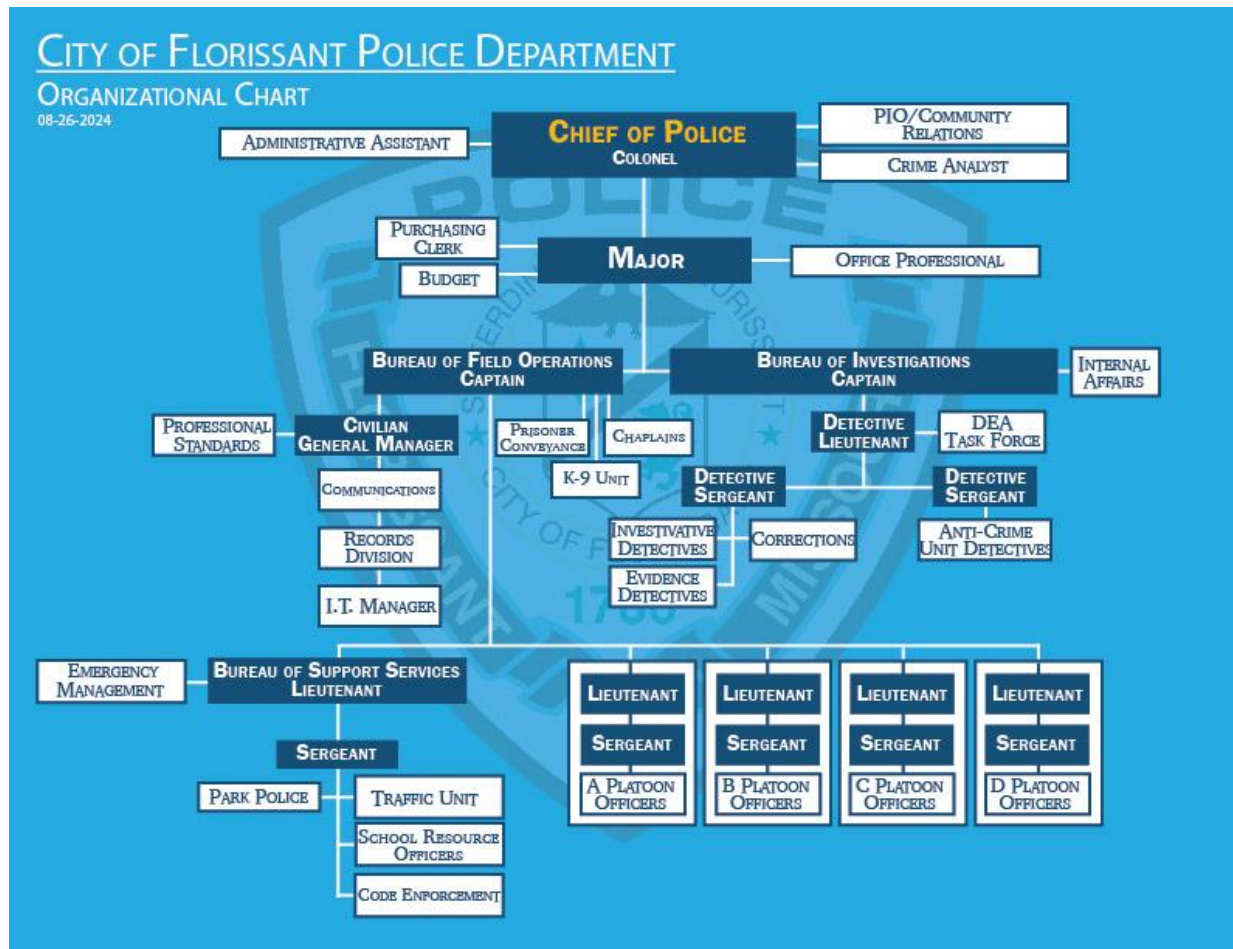
In order to insure the highest level of service to our community, we pledge to continually evaluate our programs and our performance. We promote organizational and individual standards of excellence. We encourage continuing education and training.

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# FLORISSANT POLICE DEPARTMENT



## ***DEPARTMENT PERSONNEL***

The Florissant Police Department employs a total of 92 Law Enforcement Officers. Staff consist of 74-line Officers, 8 Sergeants, 6 Lieutenants, 2 Captains, 1 Major, and the Chief of Police.

In addition to sworn personnel, the department employs 19 full-time non-commissioned staff positions, which include 5 Clerks, 9 Telecommunicators, and 5 Correctional Officers. The department also employs 14 part-time personnel, which include 8 commissioned Park Police Officers, 3 Telecommunicators, and 1 IT technician.

These dedicated professionals work together to ensure the highest level of service and public safety for the City of Florissant.

In 2024, the Florissant Police Department took a significant step forward by introducing two new civilian positions: The Professional Standards/Communications Center Manager and the department's first Crime Analyst. These additions reflect the department's ongoing commitment to excellence, transparency, and data-driven policing.

The Professional Standards/Communications Center Manager plays a crucial role in maintaining and improving the department's adherence to accreditation standards. This position ensures that policies and procedures align with best practices, promotes accountability, and reinforces the department's dedication to professionalism. By centralizing these responsibilities, the department strengthens its ability to provide the highest quality of service to the Florissant community.

The introduction of a Crime Analyst marks a major advancement in leveraging data to enhance public safety. This role is instrumental in identifying crime patterns, providing real-time intelligence, and supporting officers with actionable insights. By using data-driven strategies, the Crime Analyst helps optimize resources, improve crime prevention efforts, and enhance the department's ability to address emerging challenges effectively.

These strategic additions demonstrate the Florissant Police Department's proactive approach to law enforcement—continuously evolving to better serve and protect the community.



## ASSISTANT CHIEF OF POLICE

Major Randy Boden serves as the Assistant Chief of Police, directly accountable to the Chief of Police. Major Boden holds responsibility for overseeing administrative and operational aspects of the Bureau of Field Operations, Bureau of Investigations, and Bureau of Patrol Support.



## BUREAU OF FIELD OPERATIONS

Captain Vince Godfrey oversees the Bureau of Field Operations (BFO), the largest and most essential division of the Florissant Police Department. This division is composed of dedicated uniformed personnel who work tirelessly to patrol the city 24/7. The BFO includes uniformed patrol officers, canine units, the communications unit, and several other key services.



### UNIFORMED PATROL

A Lieutenant commands each patrol platoon of officers and oversees one Sergeant and up to 10 Police Officers. These officers are responsible for the around the clock public safety needs of the City. The patrols are divided strategically through seven patrol areas called sectors. Platoons rotate between two watches every twenty-eight days. Patrol Officers remain in permanent sector assignments allowing officers to develop a working knowledge of their beat which enhances their ability to prevent crime and have more community involvement.

### COMMUNICATIONS UNIT

At the heart of emergency response in the City of Florissant, Missouri, lies our dedicated 9-1-1 Communications Center. Here, we staff 9 full-time and 3 part-time Telecommunicators who, during 2024, answered over 36,287 9-1-1 calls, and received/dispatched approximately 70,381 calls for service of some type. Additionally, the average call answer time (defined as first ring to answer) was **3.9 seconds**. This answer time is well below the national standard of 10 seconds. The national standard is set by the National Emergency Number Association (NENA) and the Association of Public Safety Communications Officials (APCO).

Our mission is clear:

Empowering safety and connecting communities. The Florissant Police Department's Communication Center serves as the vital link between those in need and those responding to an emergency. We ensure swift, accurate, and compassionate assistance during critical moments. Through seamless communications and unwavering

dedication, we strive to safeguard lives, protect property, and foster resilience within our communities.

### **Our commitment to the community:**

- **Swift response:** When you call 9-1-1, every second counts. Our highly trained professionals are ready to spring into action, ensuring help reaches you as quickly as possible.
- **Accuracy:** In emergencies, details matter. We meticulously gather information to ensure responders have the most accurate picture, enabling them to provide the best assistance.
- **Compassionate assistance:** Emergencies can be frightening, but you're never alone. Our compassionate dispatchers guide you through the situation, offering reassurance and support until help arrives.
- **Community connection:** We're just not responders; we're part of the community. By fostering strong connections, we build trust and resilience, working together to create a safer community.

In 2024, the Communications Unit was onboarded with RapidSOS web portal which increases their visibility of 9-1-1 data and "text to 9-1-1" capabilities. Access to the FLOCK LPR system and Polaris BWC system now allows the 9-1-1 operators the ability to assist with in-progress calls for service and provides accurate GPS locations of officers. All 9-1-1 Operators are now members of the National Emergency Number Association. The membership provides additional educational/training opportunities, certifications and daily briefs on top trends in emergency communications.

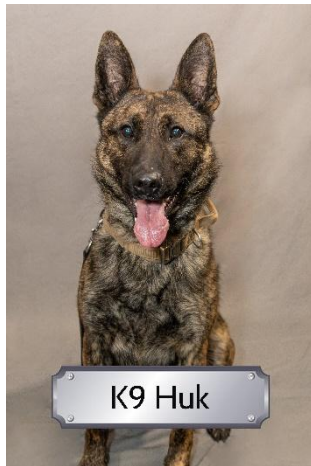
### **CANINE UNIT**

The Florissant Police Department has four K9 teams. The unit consists of Officer Chris Daub and his canine partner, "Huk", Officer Matt Schaeffler and his canine partner "Tito", Officer Bonadies and his canine partner "Bear" and Officer Pagano and his canine partner "Raven".

These officers, with their canine partners are assigned to the Bureau of Field Operations and are available to perform narcotics detection, building searches, article searches, tracking felonious suspects and assisting other agencies with similar requests. The teams also participate in various canine public demonstrations throughout the year.

All K9 teams are certified through the North American Police Work Dog Association (NAPWDA) and the Missouri Police Canine Association. They undergo regular in-service training to maintain proficiency in all required tasks and renew their NAPWDA certifications annually.





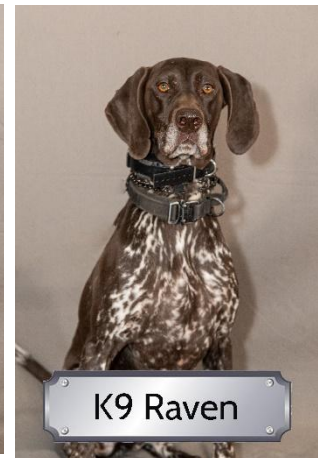
K9 Huk



K9 Tito



K9 Bear



K9 Raven



### “EDDIE”

Eddie, the Florissant Police Department's Community Service dog, plays a vital role in fostering positive connections and interactions between the police and the community. His primary mission is to bring joy and build relationships by visiting children at schools or in their neighborhoods, spending time with the elderly in care facilities or their homes, and interacting with citizens throughout Florissant. Eddie is truly here for the people of the community.

A purebred German Shepherd, Eddie was born on March 6, 2015, and generously donated to the department by a former St. Louis County Police Officer and local resident.

Officer Lori Mahn serves as Eddie's handler, and together, they make public appearances at schools, businesses, and community events. Eddie's training focuses on socialization, obedience, and community service rather than traditional police K-9 duties.

Eddie's schedule varies based on Officer Mahn's assignments, but he's often seen roaming the halls of the police department during the workweek. Stay connected with Eddie's adventures and activities by following his Facebook page, "Eddie the Florissant Police Dog."

The Canine Unit accomplished the following in 2024:

- 48 vehicle searches for narcotics
- 10 tracks for suspects
- 16 building searches for suspects
- 27 suspect apprehensions, (0 bite apprehensions)
- 11 canine deployments to assist other agencies

### **Small Unmanned Aircraft Systems Program (sUAS)**



mechanism.

The sUAS Unit is led by Sgt. Craig DeHart and includes eight FAA-licensed Law Enforcement sUAS commercial pilots.

Our drones play a crucial role in a variety of situations, including missing person searches, crime scene investigations, accident reconstructions, suspect apprehensions, and natural disaster assessments. This program exemplifies our commitment to using innovative technology to serve and protect the community.



### **POLICE EXPLORER POST #9799**



youth related programs.

If any young adult is interested in joining the Florissant Explorers to learn more about law enforcement as a career, please contact Sgt. Andre Reece or Det. Mike Arthur at 314-831-7000. You can read more about the Explorer program on the Florissant Police Department's website. [www.florissantmo.com/police](http://www.florissantmo.com/police)



## **BUREAU OF SUPPORT SERVICES**

Captain Vince Godfrey is the commander of the Bureau of Support Services (BSS). The Bureau of Support Services is responsible for those operations that support the patrol and investigative efforts of the department. The functions under his command include Calverton Park Contract Patrol, Recruitment, School Resource Officers, Code Enforcement, Traffic Safety Unit, Business Liaison Officer, DARE and Park Police.

### **PATROL SUPPORT DIVISION**



This Division is comprised of specially trained officers whose functions include supporting the patrol officers in their daily duties. These officers are under the command of Lieutenant Rick.

### **CALVERTON PARK CONTRACT PATROL**

In August 2024, the Florissant Police Department began providing full police services to the City of Calverton Park. Through this partnership, residents of Calverton Park now benefit from 24-hour coverage by an internationally accredited law enforcement agency known for its commitment to professionalism, integrity, and community engagement. This expansion contract of services reflects our dedication to regional collaboration and does not impact the high level of service provided to the residents of Florissant. We remain fully committed to both communities and look forward to building strong relationships in Calverton Park as we continue to serve with pride.

### **TRAFFIC SAFETY UNIT**

There are three full-time officers who are highly trained in crash investigations and assigned to the Traffic Safety Unit. Two of the three officers are certified as Crash Reconstructionists. Traffic Officers investigated 43% of the department's 1,472 crashes reported in 2024. The Traffic Safety Officers prepare Crash Reconstruction Reports for crashes involving fatal injuries. They also conduct follow-up investigations for cases where vehicles leave the scene of an accident.

The Lieutenant and Traffic Safety Officers serve as members of the Mayor's Traffic Commission. They are also members of the Greater St. Louis Traffic Safety Council, the Missouri Law Enforcement Traffic Safety Advisory Council, and the Missouri Coalition for Roadway Safety. They meet regularly with officials and engineers from the St. Louis County Department of Highways & Traffic and the Missouri Department of Transportation to address safety concerns on county and state-maintained roadways.

The Traffic Safety Officers coordinate many of the department's traffic enforcement programs, including highway safety grants and special campaigns. The Traffic Safety

Officers track all vehicles towed by the Florissant Police Department. They also assist in providing security for Florissant Municipal Court sessions and City Council Meetings.

The Traffic Safety Unit is responsible for the maintenance, training, and records for the Florissant Police Department's:

- 7 Breath Alcohol Detection Instruments
- 22 Car-Mounted Radar Units
- 4 Handheld Radar Units
- 9 Handheld Laser Units
- 10 Radar Speed Reading Signs
- 2 Radar Trailers

The Traffic Unit has at its disposal ten high-tech Speed Check reading signs, which were deployed in neighborhoods throughout the city in 2021. These units alert motorists to their driving habits, creating awareness of speeding, and are equipped to generate traffic studies used to determine enforcement activities. Additional duties include:

- Radar details for problem areas/streets
- Funeral details
- Parades
- Charity runs and special events (St. Patrick's Run/Festival, Fall Festival, 4th of July Fireworks, Valley of the Flowers)

In addition, the department received grants to purchase two mobile radar trailers that can be deployed within the city limits, as well as two additional handheld laser radar units. These units also collect data to generate traffic studies and determine where and when enforcement needs to be focused.

The Police Department purchased two Harley-Davidson Ultra Classic motorcycles in 2015. In 2017, the department added a third motorcycle. Traffic Officers and several selected patrol officers have completed a specialized training course on the proper use of police motorcycles and are certified. The motorcycles are used for traffic enforcement, parades, funeral details, and other special duties. The motorcycles are equipped with the same emergency lights and sirens as a regular police cruiser, as well as a mobile computer and printer.

### **SCHOOL RESOURCE OFFICER PROGRAM (S.R.O.)**



The Florissant Police Department has formed a partnership with the Ferguson-Florissant School District, which funds 75% of the costs of providing School Resource Officers (S.R.O.s) for the academic school year. Starting in the 2019-2020 school year, the Ferguson-Florissant School District increased the number of SROs in their schools. This increase resulted in three officers being assigned to each of the high schools (McCluer and McCluer North), one officer assigned to Cross Keys, one officer assigned to



Wedgewood 6th Grade Academy, and, in the spring of 2024, an additional SRO at the Restoration and Wellness Center on Derhake.

The officers' duties include, but are not limited to, ensuring safety and security on and around campus, serving as an educational resource, and assisting administration. The School Resource Officers coordinate with beat officers to alert them to issues affecting the school campus and surrounding neighborhoods. School Resource Officers also handle off-campus problems such as student parking in residential areas, students smoking near campus, and student trespassing.

School Resource Officers (SROs) at McCluer High School are actively involved in mentoring students and supporting various after-school activities and events. In addition to their daily responsibilities, the SROs dedicated their summer to leading the fourth year of the Future Leaders Academy—a growing program designed to give high school students a glimpse into life beyond graduation. The 2024 session marked the largest class to date, highlighting the program's continued success and its reputation as one of the department's most sought-after youth initiatives.

Another impactful initiative, *Connect with a Cop*, is available to all McCluer High School students. This program was created to foster positive relationships between students and their School Resource Officers. It provides a safe and supportive space for students to engage with law enforcement—ask questions, express concerns, and learn about community safety. The ultimate goal of *Connect with a Cop* is to build trust, improve communication, and help create a stronger, safer school environment.

### **NEIGHBORHOOD PRESERVATION UNIT**



Where no other alternative exists, the unit prepares cases for criminal prosecution, executes abatement search and seizure warrants issued by the Municipal Court, and takes appropriate action to remove nuisance, abandoned, or derelict vehicles. Property owners who refuse to maintain their property to City Code, as well as out-of-town property owners whose local rental properties create a nuisance or fail to meet code, are also investigated.

Officers Stringer, Williams, and Bowling serve as the Florissant Crime Free Residential Housing Program Administrators. The Crime Free Program was designed to assist tenants, owners, and managers of rental properties in keeping drugs and other illegal activities off their property. An eight-hour seminar is Phase One of the three phases of the Crime Free Program. The seminars include topics such as screening applicants, leases, evictions, drug identification, meth labs, crime prevention, and the role of the police on rental properties.

### **PARK POLICE OFFICER PROGRAM**

In addition to full-time police officers, the Florissant Police Department employs officers known as Park Police. These are fully commissioned officers who are P.O.S.T. certified and have the same authority as patrol officers. All of them have recently retired from law enforcement, bringing a wealth of experience to the department. Two of these officers are assigned to the municipal court as bailiffs, while the remaining officers are assigned to



the Park Police program. Implemented in 2013, this program has been highly successful. The Park Police program assigns officers exclusively to the parks and recreation centers in the City of Florissant. With the increased use of outdoor spaces, including our many city parks, the Park Police play a vital role in ensuring park safety.

### **EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT**

Emergency Management is the managerial function responsible for creating the framework within which communities reduce vulnerability to hazards and cope with disasters. The Police Department has dedicated Emergency Management personnel. This officer attends numerous training sessions throughout the year to enhance preparedness in case a disaster strikes our area. Lieutenant Rick Pfaff serves as the Emergency Management representative for the City of Florissant. In 2022, these officers worked with FEMA and SEMA during the floods to assist the area in receiving funding for the disaster that affected the greater St. Louis area.

### **RECORDS UNIT**

The Records Unit is staffed by a dedicated team consisting of a full-time Administrative Assistant and two Records Clerks, who are responsible for the efficient processing, distribution, and secure storage of all police reports and departmental records. Operating Monday through Friday, from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., the Records Unit ensures the smooth handling of records-related tasks while also serving as the department's receptionist. In addition to their primary duties, the staff is responsible for greeting and directing visitors and responding to incoming telephone inquiries. The unit is closed on federal holidays.

In 2024, the Records Unit processed 6,969 reports of criminal incidents, 1,536 traffic crash reports, and 2,594 supplemental investigative reports. As part of their processing responsibilities, the Records Unit staff is also required to submit all relevant crime statistics to the FBI's National Incident-Based Reporting System (NIBRS) and confirm the submission of all traffic crash data to the State of Missouri Law Enforcement Traffic System (LETS).

All Florissant Police Department reports and records are retained in accordance with all federal and state laws, including the Missouri Secretary of State retention schedule and the Missouri Sunshine Law. Police reports and records may be obtained in person at the Florissant Police Department or online through the City of Florissant Government website.

### **INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY UNIT**

The Florissant Police Department remains dedicated to leveraging technology to enhance operational efficiency and public safety. Throughout 2024, we have made significant strides in evaluating and upgrading our technological infrastructure, ensuring we remain prepared for future advancements. The IT Manager regularly meets with supervisory staff, including Command Staff, to assess the department's technological performance. These discussions focus on evaluating current systems, identifying areas for improvement, and determining whether new software or hardware is needed to align with evolving operational goals.

In 2024, the department replaced or upgraded over 50% of our desktop computers and Mobile Data Terminals (MDTs) to comply with Criminal Justice Information Services (CJIS) Security Policy mandates for data access. These upgrades provide officers with real-time access to the Computer-Aided Dispatch (CAD) system, the Public Works system, county real estate records, and the Regional Justice Information System (REJIS). REJIS allows access to regional arrest and warrant information, state driver and vehicle license databases, and the ability to view driver's license and arrest photos, enhancing officers' ability to identify offenders. Additionally, the REJIS Mobile Ticketing system enables officers to prepare citations on their mobile computers, which are automatically transferred to the court docketing system upon approval, eliminating the need for paper copies.

The department continues to leverage modern CAD and Records Management System (RMS) software, supplemented by a Next Generation 911 (NG911) telephone system, providing personnel with cutting-edge tools for dispatch, incident management, and data analysis. These systems, supported by specialized servers and software, form the cornerstone of our operational framework, enabling seamless coordination and streamlined workflows.

MDTs provide officers with real-time access to critical databases and resources, facilitating informed decision-making and enhancing situational awareness. Additionally, all patrol vehicles are equipped with GPS-based vehicle locator devices, allowing dispatchers and officers to monitor the location of all patrol units at any given time.

In collaboration with the Professional Standards Division and the 9-1-1 Communications Center General Manager, the IT Manager oversees the maintenance of a cloud-based web portal, ensuring department personnel have secure access to a centralized repository of policies, procedures, and other critical resources. This platform fosters knowledge sharing and ensures compliance with departmental protocols.

The department's official website serves as a crucial resource for both citizens and other law enforcement agencies, providing easy access to important information and services. The website features updates on department activities, press releases, annual reports, and the ability to submit online requests and comments, which are promptly routed to the appropriate staff members. Additionally, the widespread use of email communication by all department employees facilitates more direct and accurate internal communication while providing the public with greater accessibility to officers and staff members.

### **ACCREDITATION**

The Florissant Police Department continues to be accredited by the Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies, Inc. (CALEA) as a Meritorious Advanced Gold Standard Accredited Law Enforcement Agency. The CALEA Accreditation program seals are reserved for use by those public safety agencies that have demonstrated compliance with 487 established CALEA Standard. The Florissant Police Department achieved its 8<sup>th</sup> Meritorious Advanced Gold Standard Re-Accreditation in March 2024.

### **DEPARTMENT TRAINING**

The Training Unit's mission for 2024 focused on enhancing officer readiness, safety, and professional development through comprehensive and innovative training programs. By aligning with departmental goals and State of Missouri requirements, we successfully initiated, expanded, and achieved key objectives in several critical areas. These areas include

1. Increased Simulation-Based Assessments
2. Defensive Tactics
3. Physical Fitness
4. De-escalation
5. Use of Force
6. Leadership Development
7. Crisis Intervention
8. Officer Mental Health & Wellness
9. Instructor Development

All training sessions incorporated detailed reviews of corresponding departmental policies to ensure alignment with organizational standards and legal requirements. The Training Unit successfully met and exceeded its objective for the year by delivering high-quality, impactful programs across all focus areas. Moving forward, the unit aims to build on these achievements, further enhancing the department's capacity to serve the community with professionalism, preparedness, and integrity.

### **PUBLIC INFORMATION UNIT**

The Public Information Unit, staffed by Officer Steve Michael, is responsible for crime prevention programs, media relations, and public information, all of which are key elements in the Florissant Police Department's efforts toward the prevention and reduction of crime. Programs and activities of the Public Information Unit include:

### **MEDIA RELATIONS**

The Public Information Officer (P.I.O.) is responsible for providing information to the media through press releases and other communication channels. Additionally, the P.I.O. serves as the department's spokesperson and facilitates the coordination of joint information releases when collaborating with other agencies.

### **RESIDENT CAMERA PROGRAM**

The Resident Camera Program enables residents and business owners to voluntarily register the locations and capabilities of their security camera systems with the Florissant Police Department. This information helps the department identify nearby cameras when a crime occurs, allowing officers to gather video evidence and follow up on leads more efficiently.

### **SECURITY SURVEYS**

The Public Information Unit can arrange for a police officer to survey your home or business and assess the security of the site. Options for consideration are provided to reduce the chances of being victimized.

### **NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH**



The Neighborhood Watch Program helps residents protect themselves, their homes, and their neighborhoods by providing essential information. Participants learn how to secure their property, identify and report suspicious activity, and foster strong community connections.

The program relies on Neighborhood Watch Block Captains and Ward Captains, representing each of the city's nine wards, to encourage active resident participation and support program growth. Ward Captains and other volunteers hold regular meetings to promote membership, discuss crime trends, and share strategies for deterring criminal activity.

With over 1,600 active members and numerous registered Block Captains, the program continues to expand its reach through social media, promotional videos, community events, and individual outreach efforts. Neighborhood Watch street signs are available for streets where at least half of the residents participate in the program and are distributed to neighborhoods with active watch groups.

**Website:** [www.florissantmo.com/police](http://www.florissantmo.com/police)

The site is maintained by the Public Information Officer with support from the City of Florissant's IT Department. It provides updates on department activities, crime reports, event schedules, community training opportunities, and links to helpful resources for crime prevention.

### **SOCIAL MEDIA**

The Florissant Police Department recognizes the important role of social media in quickly disseminating information. It has proven to be an effective tool for reaching residents, business owners, organizations, and the media. By actively monitoring its social media pages, the department can promptly share firsthand updates.

Currently, the department utilizes Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, Nextdoor, and Nixle, engaging with over 30,000 individuals across these platforms.

We encourage you to connect with us on social media for the latest updates. Follow us on Facebook (**Florissant Police Dept**), Twitter (**@FlorissantPD**), and Nextdoor (**Florissant Police Department**) for general information, and check out Instagram (**@florissantpd**) for visual content.



## **NIXLE**



The Florissant Police Department utilizes this service that allows us to send important, valuable community information directly to residents using the latest technology.

The NIXLE Community Information Service allows us to create and publish messages to be delivered to subscribed residents instantly via cell phone text message and/or email. Notifications can also be accessed online at NIXLE's web site at [www.nixle.com](http://www.nixle.com).

Messages may include Missing Persons/Amber Alerts, road closures and other relevant safety and community event information. The messages can be sent specifically to residents registered within a ¼ mile radius, giving them the opportunity to receive trustworthy information relevant only to their neighborhood. Residents decide from which local agencies they want to receive information. Subscribers can also choose the way in which alerts are received, whether it is by email, text message, or over the web.

Residents of the City of Florissant and those in neighboring communities can immediately begin receiving pertinent information via text message, email, and web by registering at [www.nixle.com](http://www.nixle.com).

## **Missouri Special Olympics**



The Florissant Police Department once again showed its support for the Missouri Special Olympics, raising over \$1,600. This achievement was made possible through department-wide fundraising efforts. The men and women of the Florissant Police Department actively participate in the Law Enforcement Torch Run, completing the 2.7-mile Florissant segment from the Cross Keys Shopping Center to the intersection of US Highway 67 and Charbonier Road.

## **Prescription Drug Disposal Box**



The Florissant Police Department has a prescription and non-prescription drug disposal box permanently installed in the station's lobby, made possible by the Missouri Prescription Pill and Drug Disposal organization. This box provides a safe, environmentally friendly way for citizens to dispose of unused medications, preventing potential harm from improper disposal in landfills or sewer systems.

The secured steel collection box is accessible to the public 24/7, year-round. All collected medications are properly disposed of through incineration. Officer Steve Michael serves on the Board of Directors for the Missouri Prescription Pill and Drug Disposal Program.



## **Public Safety Citizen Academy**



The Public Safety Citizen Academy offers participants a unique opportunity to learn about the training procedures that both police officers and firefighters undergo. The Florissant Police Department collaborates with the Florissant Valley Fire Protection District to provide this program. Each class typically accommodates up to 20 citizens and lasts for eight weeks.

Developed by both the Police and Fire Departments, the curriculum covers a broad range of topics, including traffic enforcement, narcotics, evidence/crime scene investigation, firearms, fire safety, search and rescue, vehicle extraction, and a live fire demonstration. The goal is to promote mutual understanding and enhance collaboration between citizens and first responders.

## **COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT**



The Florissant Police Department has a proud history of embracing community policing. Through initiatives such as foot patrols and meaningful citizen interactions, the department has cultivated a strong tradition of community engagement that permeates every aspect of its operations. This commitment to community policing forms the foundation of our mission and guides everything we do.

Since early 2017, the committed members of the Florissant Police Department have volunteered their time to help a local food pantry unload monthly food deliveries. In 2024, they proudly continued this charitable effort for the seventh consecutive year

The Florissant Police Department proudly launched the 10th year of its Summons of Joy campaign. This heartwarming initiative was made possible through the generous support of North County Churches Uniting for Racial Harmony and Justice (N.C.C.U.) and local churches, which collectively contributed \$4,400. With these donations, our officers gave out 44 Walmart gift cards, each valued at \$100, to unsuspecting individuals and families throughout the holiday season.

During this time, Florissant police officers spread holiday cheer by surprising community members with these thoughtful gifts.

The Summons of Joy campaign reflects the Florissant Police Department's commitment to community engagement and demonstrates how collaboration can create a stronger, safer, and more connected community.





The Florissant Police Department hosts a community event called "Coffee with a Cop" several times a year at local businesses. These gatherings provide an opportunity for police officers and community members to connect over coffee, fostering open discussions on various topics and promoting a stronger understanding between the department and the community they serve.

A recurring and well-received event involves our police officers partnering with a local high school to engage in a friendly basketball game. Officers join teams alongside high school players, creating an enjoyable experience as the teams compete against each other. The positive response from both students and staff has made this event a noteworthy success.



### **Future Leader Academy**



In 2019, Officers Kim Berry and Freddie Lee launched the Future Leaders Academy, a two-week program aimed at preparing twenty high school students for the future by covering topics such as military service, college applications, resume building, job application processes, and personal fitness. The program's success in 2024 has generated excitement for hosting another class in the summer of 2025.

### **Additional Community Policing Programs**

The Florissant Police Department administers a diverse range of programs, all overseen by the Public Information Officer, who is responsible for coordinating the following initiatives: National Night Out

- Coordinates the police intern program for High School and College students
- Child Fingerprinting & Identification
- Sponsorship of the A.A.R.P. "Driver Safety" Program
- Provide Free Firearm Trigger Locks
- Serve as collection point for the Kurt Warner's Warm Up (winter coats)
- D.E.A. Prescription Drug Take-Back Program



- NCCU (North County Churches Uniting for Racial Harmony and Justice) The Florissant Police Department participates with NCCU in community group meetings.
- Neighborhood Watch Clean-ups
- Chess with Cops
- Coffee with a Cop
- Kickball – Cops vs. Kids at Marygrove
- Shop with a Cop
- Breast Cancer Awareness custom patches
- Autism Awareness custom patches

## **BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION**



Captain Dennis DeHart holds the position of Commander within the Bureau of Investigations, overseeing a team comprising fifteen detectives, one Lieutenant, two Detective Sergeants, and six corrections officers.

### **CRIMINAL INVESTIGATION UNIT**



Twelve detectives, along with one Lieutenant and two sergeants, are designated to carry out investigative tasks. Detectives operate in pairs, focusing on crimes within their specific areas of expertise, such as burglary, crimes against persons, and property crimes. They proactively launch investigations into various criminal activities identified within the city.

All investigators are active members of the Major Case Squad of Greater St. Louis. The Florissant Police Department plays a leading role in squad activities, with Major Randy Boden serving as the Commander, Captain DeHart as the Deputy Commander, and several Squad Supervisors from the Florissant Police Department.

A detective within the Bureau of Investigations is specifically trained to handle crimes and status offenses involving individuals under the age of 18. They maintain strong connections with the Family Court of St. Louis County and various youth service organizations. The Juvenile Detective, trained in the investigation of child abuse and neglect, is responsible for managing all juvenile records and gang intelligence.

### **ANTI CRIME/NARCOTICS TASK FORCES**

A team of four Detectives and a Sergeant has been designated to probe into drug-related activities, vice, and various other criminal occurrences within the City of Florissant.



Additionally, the Florissant Police Department actively collaborates with Federal Investigative Task Forces, specifically focusing on regional drug and gang-related activities. Furthermore, one investigator is dedicated full-time to the Drug Enforcement Administration (D.E.A.) Task Force.

### **EVIDENCE TECHNICIAN UNIT**

Two detectives are assigned as Evidence Technicians and are responsible for processing major crime scenes for evidence. Both are highly trained in the collection of fingerprints, blood evidence, trace tissue, and fiber samples. During 2024, the Evidence Technician Unit (ETU) handled 6,697 individual pieces of evidence. The police department utilizes a state-of-the-art property control barcode system, which allows evidence technicians to efficiently track, control, and manage over 66,808 pieces of seized property.



Evidence technicians utilize a fully digital photography lab as well as a forensic video lab. These labs allow the technicians to read, isolate, enhance, and print evidence located on videotape, digital discs, and film. Technicians also use a special ultraviolet light crime-scope camera to locate latent fingerprints and shoeprint evidence.

During 2024, latent fingerprints from 352 cases were submitted to the Automated Fingerprint Identification System (A.F.I.S.) at the St. Louis County Crime Laboratory for identification purposes. The remaining submissions will be kept in A.F.I.S. for future comparisons with suspects added later.

In addition to submitting fingerprints, the evidence technicians submit DNA evidence samples to the St. Louis County Police Crime Laboratory, where the samples are forwarded to the Combined DNA Index System (C.O.D.I.S.) for identification purposes. A total of 270 submissions resulted in 29 positive "hits" through DNA analysis during 2024.



### **CORRECTIONS UNIT**

Five full-time Corrections Officers are assigned to the BOI to process and supervise detainees who are being held in the department's holding facility on charges ranging from misdemeanors to serious felonies. These non-commissioned officers handled the processing and detention of 2,382 prisoners arrested by officers of the department in 2024.

All arrestees are photographed into the regional IRIS mug-shot system and fingerprinted into the Live Scan automated fingerprint system that electronically transmits the fingerprints to the Missouri State Highway Patrol's AFIS database.

## **INTERNAL AFFAIRS**

The Chief of Police designates a commander to act as the Inspector of Police, and this function currently rests with the Commander of the Bureau of Investigations. While most allegations of misconduct are handled by the immediate supervisor of the employee, allegations that are serious or criminal in nature may be referred to the Inspector of Police for investigation. The objective of this process is to ensure confidence and trust in the police department.

In 2024, there were twelve allegations of misconduct made against twelve different employees. The allegations were made against 10 sworn officers, one dispatcher, and one clerk.

### **Allegations:**

- 0 Complaints of Excessive Force.
- 1 Complaints involving Demeanor.
- 13 Complaints, Rule, Procedure, and Policy violations.
- 7 internal complaints were sustained.
- 0 external complaints were sustained.
- 6 external complaint was not sustained.

During 2024, the department made 2,332 adult arrests. There were no incidents of lethal force used in 2024, nor was a firearm discharged. Officers found it necessary to use some degree of less-lethal force to affect the arrest of 22 individuals. This represents a decrease in the use of force from 36 incidents in 2023 to 22 in 2024, a reduction of 14 use-of-force reports.

The department made 2,880 arrests in 2023 and 2,332 in 2024, reflecting a decrease of 548 arrests, which is a 19.03% decrease in arrests. This equates to force being used in 0.94% of the adult arrests made during 2024.

Officers used force in 21 situations involving a suspect resisting arrest, 10 instances where a suspect assaulted an officer or corrections officer, 2 incidents where the suspect assaulted others and force was necessary to subdue them, and 1 incident involving a mentally ill subject. During these incidents, 6 suspects claimed to have been injured or were found to have injuries during the arrest. All individuals against whom force was used were treated at Northwest Healthcare or DePaul Hospital.

## **REPORTED USE OF FORCE**

	<b>2022</b>	<b>2023</b>	<b>2024</b>
Firearm discharged	0	0	0
Taser	21	15	17
Impact Weapon	1	0	0
OC	3	2	0
Physical Force	62	41	16



Canine Bite	0	0	0
Less Lethal Bean Bag	0	0	0
Total Types of Force	4	3	2
Total Use of Force Arrests	56	36	22
Complaints of Excessive Force	3	0	0
Custodial Arrests	3,165	2,880	2,332

### **STATISTICAL INFORMATION AT A GLANCE**

The Florissant Police Department reports all crime statistics to the FBI's National Incident-Based Reporting System (NIBRS) for inclusion in the FBI's annual report "***Crime in the United States***".

<b><i>Crime Reports – Offenses</i></b>				
Year	2021	2022	2023	2024
Murder/Homicide	5	3	5	3
Sexual Assault/Rape	9	11	11	15
Robbery	29	30	19	26
Aggravated Assault	116	83	82	102
Burglary	93	89	80	81
Larceny/Theft	659	724	754	622
Vehicle Theft	338	441	375	310
Arson	5	4	6	4

<b><i>Crime Reports – Offenses (cont.)</i></b>				
Year	2021	2022	2023	2024
Simple Assault	361	353	386	387
Property Damage	330	607	516	433
Sex Offenses	20	15	18	17

<b><i>Total Reported Offenses</i></b>				
Year	2021	2022	2023	2024
TOTAL	2,206	2,570	2,475	2,251

### **ADULT ARREST SUMMARY**

Adult arrests include all persons 18 years of age or older.

<b><i>Arrest 2021 – 2024</i></b>				
Year	2021	2022	2023	2024
Total Adult Arrests	2,406	3,165	2,880	2,382

### **MOTOR VEHICLE CRASH SUMMARY**

<b><i>MOTOR VEHICLE CRASHES</i></b>				
<b>YEAR</b>	<b>2021</b>	<b>2022</b>	<b>2023</b>	<b>2024</b>
<b>NO INJURY</b>	1242	1143	1236	1269
<b>INJURY</b>	338	356	471	201
<b>FATAL</b>	1	7	3	6
<b>TOTAL CRASHES</b>	<b>1626</b>	<b>1649</b>	<b>1537</b>	<b>1552</b>
<b>LEFT THE SCENE</b>	360	344	395	283

### **THE TOP 5 HIGH VEHICLE CRASH LOCATIONS IN 2024**

1. U.S. Highway 67 at North New Florissant Rd
2. U.S. Highway Patterson
3. Patterson and Humes.
4. New Halls Ferry (RT AC) and Parker Rd.
5. U.S Hwy 67 and Charbonier

### **TRAFFIC ENFORCEMENT SUMMARY**

Traffic safety remains a primary concern for the department. While officers assigned to the Traffic Safety Unit investigate crashes and take a leading role in special traffic enforcement campaigns, it is the responsibility of all patrol officers to enforce traffic safety ordinances. In 2024, the department issued 27,562 citations, the majority of which were for traffic-related violations. These included arrests and citations for offenses such as driving under the influence of alcohol or drugs, aggressive driving, and other ordinance violations.

## **OFFICER OF THE MONTH**

This recognition reflects the officer's dedication, professionalism, and exceptional service, highlighting their commitment to making a positive impact on both the department and the community they serve during the year of 2024:



January- Cameron Tabers  
February- Dan Kerckhoff  
March- Zach Durham  
April- Daniel Vaughn  
May- Mobin Malik  
June- Mike Arthur  
July- Sgt. Kim Berry  
August- Detective Dewitt Edwards  
September- Officers Alonda Cole & Bailey Forbes  
October- Stephanie Rumsey  
November- Matthew Morris